

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the following 3 pages:

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 2-7 in the application as follows:

-- According to the present invention, there is provided a flexible lighting device comprising a flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope, and an adjustable shape-retaining element coupled to the flexible lighting element, said flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will, which is changeably retained by the adjustable shape-retaining element.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 8-11 in the application as follows:

-- According to a preferred embodiment, the lighting device further includes a translucent or transparent flexible covering coupled about the flexible lighting device.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 16-18 in the application as follows:

-- According to another embodiment of the invention, the flexible lighting element is mounted in a translucent, flexible covering, and the adjustable shape-retaining element is incorporated into the covering for coupling to the lighting element.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 19-21 in the application as follows:

-- There is also provided a method for forming a lighting device, the method comprising the coupling of the adjustable shape-retaining element to the flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting

wires and molded in a plastic rope, so as to form a flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will and changeably retained by the adjustable shape-retaining element.--

Please amend line 23 at page 3, in the application as follows:

-- mounting the flexible lighting device in a transparent or translucent flexible--

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 25-26 in the application as follows:

-- According to another embodiment of the invention, the step of coupling includes incorporating an adjustable shape-retaining element having a selectively changeable shape in at least part of said flexible covering.--

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 10, as follows:

-- A lighting device having a shape selectable at will which is changeably retained. Such lighting device comprises a flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope, and an adjustable shape-retaining element coupled to the flexible lighting element.

Such lighting device can be mounted in a transparent or translucent flexible covering.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the flexible lighting element is mounted in a translucent or transparent, flexible covering and the

adjustable shape-retaining element is incorporated into the covering for coupling to the lighting element.

According to one embodiment of the invention, the flexible lighting element includes a rope light.

According to another embodiment, the adjustable shape-retaining element is a metal wire.

There is also provided a method for forming a lighting device, the method comprising the coupling of the adjustable shape-retaining element to the flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope, so as to form a flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will and changeably retained by the adjustable shape-retaining element.

According to one embodiment of the invention, the method further includes mounting the flexible lighting device in a transparent or translucent flexible covering.

According to another embodiment of the invention, the step of coupling further includes incorporating an adjustable shape-retaining element having a selectively changeable shape in at least part of said flexible covering.